

What is claimed is:

1. A server, comprising:

5 a communications process unit performing a communicating process with a user device and a system of billing a user by a predetermined time through a network; and

10 a payment process unit performing a payment by communicating with the system of billing a user by a predetermined time, and obtaining charge information from the system through the network.

2. A server, comprising:

15 a communications process unit performing a communicating process with a user device and a system of billing a user by a predetermined time through a network; and

20 an information providing unit obtaining current use information from the system of billing a user by a predetermined time according to recorded information transmitted in advance from the user device or at a request from the user device, and transmitting the obtained use information to the user device.

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3. The server according to claim 2, wherein
when the payment is made in a front-end
payment system for a predetermined time, a message
is transmitted to the user device at any time
5 before the predetermined time elapses.

4. The server according to claim 1, wherein
said system of billing a user by a
predetermined time is a parking meter, and the
10 charge is a parking charge for use of the parking
meter.

5. The server according to claim 2, wherein
said system of billing a user by a
15 predetermined time is a parking meter, and the
charge is a parking charge for use of the parking
meter.

6. A system use support method, comprising:
20 transmitting an identification number of a
system of billing a user by a predetermined time
and user information from a user device; and
obtaining an address of a system of billing a
user by a predetermined time corresponding to the
25 identification number, obtaining use information

from the system at the address, and adjusting a charge or providing information.

7. The method according to claim 6, wherein

5 said system of billing a user by a predetermined time is a parking meter, and the charge is a parking charge for use of the parking meter.

10 8. A computer-readable storage medium storing a program used to direct a computer to perform the steps comprising:

 performing a communicating process with a user device and a system of billing a user by a
15 predetermined time through a network; and

 performing a payment by communicating with the system of billing a user by a predetermined time, and obtaining charge information from the system through the network.

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9. A computer-readable storage medium storing a program used to direct a computer to perform the steps comprising:

 performing a communicating process with a user
25 device and a system of billing a user by a

predetermined time through a network; and

obtaining current use information from the system according to recorded information transmitted in advance from the user device or at a request from the user device, and transmitting the obtained use information to the user device.

10. The storage medium according to claim 8, wherein

10 said system of billing a user by a predetermined time is a parking meter, and the charge is a parking charge for use of the parking meter.

15 11. The storage medium according to claim 9, wherein

said system of billing a user by a predetermined time is a parking meter, and the charge is a parking charge for use of the parking meter.

12. A computer data signal embodied in a carrier wave storing a computer program used to direct a computer to perform the steps comprising:

25 performing a communicating process with a user

device or a system of billing a user by a predetermined time through a network; and

performing a payment by communicating with the system of billing a user by a predetermined time,
5 and obtaining charge information from the system through the network.

13. A computer data signal embodied in a carrier wave storing a computer program used to direct a
10 computer to perform the steps comprising:

performing a communicating process with a user device and a system of billing a user by a predetermined time through a network; and

obtaining current use information from the
15 system according to recorded information transmitted in advance from the user device or at a request from the user device, and transmitting the obtained use information to the user device.

20 14. A server, comprising:

a communications process unit performing a communicating process with a user device through a network;

an information providing unit obtaining use
25 information about a user who uses a system of

billing a user by a predetermined time, determining
a transmission timing of a message according to the
obtained use information, and transmitting the
message to the user device through the network with
5 the transmission timing; and

a payment unit for making a payment at a
payment request from the user device.

15. A computer-readable storage medium storing a
10 program used to direct a computer to perform the
steps comprising:

performing a communicating process with a user
device through a network;

obtaining use information about a user who
15 uses a system of billing a user by a predetermined
time, determining a transmission timing of a
message according to the obtained use information,
and transmitting the message to the user device
through the network with the transmission timing;
20 and

making a payment at a payment request from the
user device.

16. A computer data signal embodied in a carrier
25 wave storing a computer program used to direct a

computer to perform the steps comprising:

performing a communicating process with a user device through a network;

obtaining use information about a user who
5 uses a system of billing a user by a predetermined time, determining a transmission timing of a message according to the obtained use information, and transmitting the message to the user device through the network with the transmission timing;
10 and

making a payment at a payment request from the user device.

17. A server, comprising:

15 communications process means for performing a communicating process with a user device and a system of billing a user by a predetermined time through a network; and

payment process means for performing a payment
20 by communicating with the system of billing a user by a predetermined time, and obtaining charge information from the system through the network.